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SUBJECT: VISIT OF AMBASSADOR KUBISCH - AMERICA DAY
AT FAIR

1. AMBASSADOR KUBISCH WAS IN THESSALONIKI
SEPTEMBER 4-5 FOR AMERICA DAY AT
40TH THESSALONIKI INTERNATIONAL FAIR. ON
ARRIVAL AFTERNOON 4, AMBASSADOR
VISITED AMERICAN PAVILION AT FAIR AS WELL AS GREEK
AGRICULTURAL COOPERATIVES, GREEK HANDICRAFTS,
AND HELLENIC TOBACCO PAVILIONS. HE ALSO
MET WITH FAIR PRESIDENT, NEWSPAPER OWNER-
PUBLISHER IOANNIS VELLIDES, VICE PRESIDENT ATHANASIADIS
AND DIRECTOR GENERAL DZELEPOGLOU.

2. EVENING OF SEPTEMBER 4 AMBASSADOR HOSTED
HIGHLY SUCCESSFUL AMERICA DAY RECEPTION AT
"MEDITERRANEAN PALACE" HOTEL IN CENTRAL
THESSALONIKI. DESPITE INCLEMENT WEATHER, APPROXIMATELY 400
INVITED GUESTS ATTENDED, INCLUDING MINISTER OF NORTHERN GREECE
MARTIS, THE NOMARCH AND MAYOR OF THESSALONIKI, AND
OTHER PROMINENT GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AND BUSINESS LEADERS.

3. MORNING SEPTEMBER 5, AMBASSADOR RETURNED
TO FAIR FOR VISITS TO ITALIAN, SOVIET, ROMANIAN, YUGOSLAV,
AUSTRIAN, HUNGARIAN, SWEDISH AND BRAZILIAN PAVILIONS. HE
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DEPARTED THESSALONIKI FOR ATHENS BY DEFATT AIRCRAFT AT
1100 SEPTEMBER 5.

4. I REGARD THIS VISIT AS UNQUALIFIED
SUCCESS. TURNOUT AT AMERICA DAY RECEPTION BY FAR EXCEEDED
ANY WE HAVE SEEN AT OTHER NATIONAL DAY RECEPTIONS
AND MOOD WAS UNIFORMLY FESTIVE. FACT THAT
GUESTS, INCLUDING MANY OFFICIALS, LINGERED UNTIL WELL AFTER
RECEPTION'S END INDICATIVE OF ITS SUCCESS. IN ADDITION,
BOTH MAJOR THESSALONIKI MORNING
PAPERS SEPTEMBER 5 CARRIED EXCELLENT
COVERAGE OF AMBASSADOR'S VISIT WITH
PHOTOGRAPHS. VISIT MARKED BY MANY
MANIFESTATIONS AND EXPRESSIONS OF GOOD WILL TOWARD
U.S. AND AMERICAN PEOPLE.
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